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company through the Internet. Data for the ticket booking is sent to the net server from the PC. The ticket booking data is sent to a ticket booking and issuing terminal from the net server, and then to the reservation system through a dedicated line. The booked ticket is issued from a ticket issuing printer on the basis of the ticket issuing data supplied from the reservation system.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 1 and 2, so that they will read as follows (it being noted that Attachment B is appended to this Amendment to show how rewritten claims 1 and 2 differ from the previous version of these claims):

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1. (Amended) A booking and issuing method of a ticket booking and issuing system including a reservation system for accepting ticket booking requests via a communication line, a local computer being interconnected to said reservation system via said communication line to issue the tickets booked in said reservation system, and a personal computer being interconnected to said local computer via a network and having an Internet connection function, comprising the steps of:

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addressing a ticket booking commencement request to said local computer from said personal computer;

sending information relating to said reservation system and address information of said reservation system from said local computer to said personal computer via said network in accordance with said ticket booking commencement request;

storing, in said personal computer, the information sent from said local computer into a memory for displaying said information relating to said reservation system on a screen for selection;

reading out, in said personal computer, the address of the reservation system that is selected on said screen for selection from said memory;

connecting said personal computer to the selected reservation system via the Internet;

transmitting and receiving information including a booking number via the Internet between said personal computer and said selected reservation system;

generating, in said personal computer, booking data by compiling predetermined data within the information transmitted and received in said transmitting and receiving step into a predetermined form and sending the generated booking data to said local computer via said network;

transmitting, from said local computer, data including said booking number within said booking data to said selected reservation system via said communication line; and

issuing, by said local computer, the ticket booked in said reservation system.

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2. (Amended) A ticket booking and issuing system including a reservation system for accepting ticket booking requests via a communication line, a local computer being interconnected to said reservation system via said communication line to issue the tickets booked in said reservation system, and a personal computer being interconnected to said local computer via a network and having an Internet connection function, comprising:

addressing means for addressing a ticket booking commencement request to said local computer from said personal computer;

sending means for sending information relating to said reservation system and address information of said reservation system from said local computer to said personal computer via said network in accordance with said ticket booking commencement request;

storing means for storing, in said personal computer, the information sent from said local computer into a memory for displaying said information relating to said reservation system on a screen for selection;

reading means for reading out, in said personal computer, the address of the reservation system that is selected on said screen for selection from said memory for connecting said personal computer to the selected reservation system via the Internet;

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transmitting and receiving means for transmitting and receiving information including a booking number via the Internet between said personal computer and said selected reservation system;

generating means for generating, in said personal computer, booking data by compiling predetermined data within the information transmitted and received in said transmitting and receiving step into a predetermined form and sending the generated booking data to said local computer via said network;

transmitting means for transmitting, from said local computer, data including said booking number within said booking data to said selected reservation system via said communication line; and

issuing means for issuing the ticket booked in said reservation system, said issuing means being provided in said local computer.